

RULER DEFIES
YOUNG TURKSThousands More May
Die About Palace.

HAVE SEIZED CITY

Turkish Insurgents Control
the Situation Fully.

EMBASSIES GUARDED

Religious Element Is Now the
Greatest Source of Danger.

AMERICANS AMONG DEAD

Believed Attache of United States
Embassy Is One of the Victims.

Foreigners, in midst of the excitement, praise the Young Turk leaders for the manner in which they are conducting struggle. Grave fears are entertained as to what the aftermath of the fighting will be—hundreds of prisoners are taken, but many of them will be released at once.

Constantinople, April 24.—Sultan Abdul Hamid has again defied the Young Turks.

Barricaded in the most impregnable part of the Yildikiosk and surrounded by several hundred of his most loyal troops—a modern Swiss guard who have elected to die with him if need be—the aged ruler has issued his defiance to the young Turks' commanders, and the prospects now are that the bloodiest and most tragic fighting will be necessary to bring about his overthrow.

Desultory fighting is already in progress around the palace preliminary to a concentrated attack by the combined Young Turks if the Sultan holds out in his rash determination.

Under the command of Cheftik Pasha, the constitutionalist soldiers are being drawn from the various strategic points that they occupied after their earlier victories. They are planting batteries on the hills overlooking the palace, and have announced their determination to shell the place if the defenders do not speedily surrender.

Another "downfall of the Tuleries" seems imminent.

MUCH BLOODSHED FEARED.

The capture of the Yildiz will prove a task, should the defenders make good their boast to die in defense of their religion and the Sultan, its sacred representative.

The palace occupies a splendid strategic position, and a few soldiers will be able to stand off a greatly superior number of hours.

It is rumored that the Sultan, fearful of just such a situation as has arisen, has secretly mined the palace grounds, and that a catastrophe of huge proportions will befall the attackers should they attempt to storm the palace.

The present situation developed when, at 4 o'clock, the expiration of the time given the Sultan to make known his decision regarding the ultimatum for his surrender and abdication, the Sultan sent back word to the Young Turks that rather than surrender his throne he would die in the palace, where he had reigned for thirty-three years. The most reliable advices to-night fix the report at 5,000 dead and upward of 5,000 wounded.

Embassies Guarded.

Every embassy is to-night under the guard of a lieutenant and a detachment of infantrymen furnished by the Young Turks.

It is reported that the first secretary of the British embassy is among the killed. Among the wounded is M. Garguillu, of the United States Embassy. So far as known, he is the only man injured in the American Embassy.

Two American newspaper correspondents were injured during the fighting—Frederick Moore and a man named Booth. The injuries of neither are serious.

Hundreds of prisoners have fallen into the hands of the Young Turks, but all except the more responsible ones will be released. The hospitals are crowded, and a call for nurses has been answered by

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CONVICTED OF BRIBERY.

Saloon Keeper Found Guilty of Aiding in Purchase of Vote.

Pittsburg, April 24.—After deliberating twenty-seven hours, the jury in the case of Harry M. Bolger, a wealthy saloon keeper, charged with aiding and abetting in the bribery of councilmen, late to-day returned a verdict of guilty as indicted.

The prosecution proved that Bolger was the man who walked out of the German National Bank with \$17,500, which was used to influence the votes of members of the council to insure the selection of that bank as a city depository.

ALEXANDRIA READY
FOR A GALA WEEK

Home-coming Celebration
Will Be Notable One.

OLD CITY A RIOT OF COLOR

Festivities Will Be Formally Opened
To-morrow Night with the Crowning of the King and Queen of the Carnival—President Taft Will Attend the Celebration on Friday.

Alexandria, across the Potomac, is to have a home-coming week celebration, beginning to-morrow, and lasting throughout the week.

A trip over to that historic city would convince the most skeptical that there is to be "something doing." The town is a maze of flags, and decorations of an endless variety have been placed from the ground to the highest pinnacles above the houses on cross wires in King street. The business thoroughfare of the city is in complete holiday dress.

In Washington street has been erected the inaugural Court of Honor. The court extends a distance of a block south of King and four blocks northward, a total of five, in the residential section of the city. Here is displayed the handwork of the artist, for the court and decorations surpass even those of the inauguration, when the proud column looked down Pennsylvania avenue.

Presents Attractive Appearance.

The court, under skilled mechanics, has been dressed up in a new coat of paint, handsome flower baskets adorn the columns, and festoons of tiny electric bulbs adorn it from end to end, while at Washington and Prince streets four mammoth columns surround the Confederate monument at that point, with a large ball of electric bulbs. Garlands festooned in Washington's colors—blue and buff—with tassels hanging from them, add considerably to the picture. In the center of the streets flower beds have been placed, with variegated flowers, palms, and small cedar trees.

Three of the blocks on this thoroughfare, which are paved with cobble, have been covered with a reddish sand and have the stones. With artificial decorations and a long line of budding trees on either side, the street presents a most beautiful appearance.

Festivities will be opened formally to-morrow night with the crowning of the king and queen of the carnival. More than 5,000 incandescent lights will be turned on that night, many of which will illuminate the court of honor, while an equal number will furnish illumination for King street, to say nothing of the tiny lights that adorn various business houses. The programme for to-morrow will be begun about 7:30 o'clock and will be ushered in by the ringing of fire bells, blowing of whistles and horns, and racket of an endless variety, when the king and his escort, accompanied by twelve mounted warriors, will land at the King street wharf in a barge.

Crowning of King and Queen.

Headed by these warriors, the Almas Patrol, of Washington, and twelve others in the party, including pages, the fester, and other attaches, the king, in Roman costume, will get on a float and the party will proceed up King street to Washington street, and thence turn into the court of honor. Crowning of the king and queen will take place at Washington and Prince streets, where the king will meet his queen, who will be accompanied by six mounted ladies, together with flower girls and other attendants.

Miss Marie Fannon will be queen of the carnival, she having received 4,835 votes, leading her competitors by several thousand. The contest ended last night. When Miss Fannon is crowned to-morrow night she will receive a diamond brooch. The vote of the other leaders was as follows: Mrs. P. Von de Westlake, 37,889; Mrs. Cletia Whitehead, 26,944; Mrs. A. D. Montier, 1,734; and Miss Caroline Wedderburn, 1,027.

Following the crowning, prayer will be offered by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, after which Mayor Paft will turn the keys of the city over to Mr. Harry Fleischmann, designated as "King Harry the Onest."

Almas Patrol of Washington will then give an exhibition drill, after which the entire party will proceed to the city limits, at the head of King street, where the key will be fastened to the city gates, consisting of two massive wooden columns at the head of that thoroughfare. The party will then return to a luncheon, and a pyrotechnic display will follow.

During the week a carnival company will give exhibitions throughout the city, and it is expected to arrive this evening. Many other events, including balls, dances, and entertainments of an endless variety, are being planned for the remaining days during the week, and the festivities will come to a close the night of May 1 with a big ball.

Former Residents Arriving.

The residents of that city will in most instances keep open house, and hundreds of former residents are arriving to participate in the events. Indeed, the old town has taken on new life, and thousands are expected to journey from Washington and vicinity during the festivities.

The event of the week will be Friday, when there will be a big military pageant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, followed by the dedication of the George Washington Park, directly west of the city.

At this event, President Taft, Vice-President Sherman, members of the House of Representatives, and others high in service are expected to be in attendance. The corner stone laying will follow, after which, President Taft is expected to review the Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons will then lay the corner stone, when a memorial address will be made by Gov. Claude A. Swanson.

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NORTH AND NAGEL
CLASH ON BUREAU

Director of Census May Retire as a Result.

ORAL CHARGES FILED

Cabinet Officer Demands Authority with Responsibility.

Asks President to Have Certain Conditions Investigated—Denies Rumor that He Had Made Charges of Immorality in Department—Appears Before Senate Committee in Effort to Determine His Status.

Continued clashes over authority are responsible for the oral charges filed with the President by Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, against S. N. D. North, Director of the Census.

The Cabinet officer has asked the President to have certain conditions investigated, and it is believed in many quarters that it will result finally in the retirement of Mr. North.

Secretary Nagel's request directly involves the allegation that Mr. North has exercised authority for which Mr. Nagel was responsible, and he has signified that he (Nagel) either must exercise the authority himself or be relieved of the responsibility.

Mr. North and the Secretary of Commerce and Labor have been at cross points ever since the Census Bureau was placed under the jurisdiction of that department. In the organic law creating the department, the Secretary was given authority over the bureau. It is said Director North has undertaken the disbursement of accounts without consulting the Secretary, and Mr. Nagel wants to know why he should be held responsible under the law for such action when he has been given no chance to exercise authority.

Printing Fund Chief Cause.

The chief cause in consideration is that of the census printing fund, involving an expenditure of \$120,000, over which the Director of the Census is said to have assumed supreme authority, although responsibility for the disbursement lies with the Secretary.

Formal charges have not been filed with the President by Mr. Nagel, nor does he contemplate taking such a step. He simply told the President in cold, plain words that he must exercise the authority over matters for which he is to stand sponsor.

Nor has Secretary Nagel told the President that the bureau was "honeycombed with immorality." Intimations that he had made the latter charge have aroused unbounded indignation among government employees in Washington, and persons in a position to know declare this feature of the bureau sensation is ungrounded.

Secretary Nagel said yesterday that intimations that he had made reflections on women employed in the bureau were not based on facts; that he had not made an investigation of the conditions, and intended no such action.

The President held two conferences with Secretary Nagel yesterday. They simply went over the statements previously made by Cabinet officers to the effect that a definition of authority over the bureau must be given in order to obtain the best results.

Appeared Before Senate Committee.

That Mr. North had displeased him by assumption of control over certain work was shown when Secretary Nagel appeared before the Senate Census Committee at the hearing on the bill providing for the taking of the thirteenth and subsequent decennial censuses.

"I very much dislike responsibility without authority, which I believe is at the bottom of a good deal of the bad legislation of the day."

This was the statement made by Mr. Nagel to the Senate committee when asked just what he was supposed to do in connection with the next census work.

"I am rather at a loss to know what the Secretary of the department is expected to do with respect to the taking of this census," continued Secretary Nagel. "I am not looking after any more employment than I have, and if the purpose of this bill is to place the entire responsibility upon the Director of the Census, I shall be delighted. If the purpose is to retain a certain responsibility under the general act of 1902 in the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, I, of course, am interested to know that."

"I can see how the director and I may work out satisfactorily as the bill stands, but as I read

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WHEAT BATTERED DOWN.

Bears and Wall Street Join in Sensational Raid.

Chicago, April 24.—Bears and Wall street joined hands to-day, and made the closing day of the week in the wheat pit memorable by a sensational raid, which pulled the price of that cereal down 4½ cents for May and 3¼ cents for July.

This marks a decline of 11¼ cents for May and 11½ cents for July wheat as compared with the top prices of April 15, nine days ago.

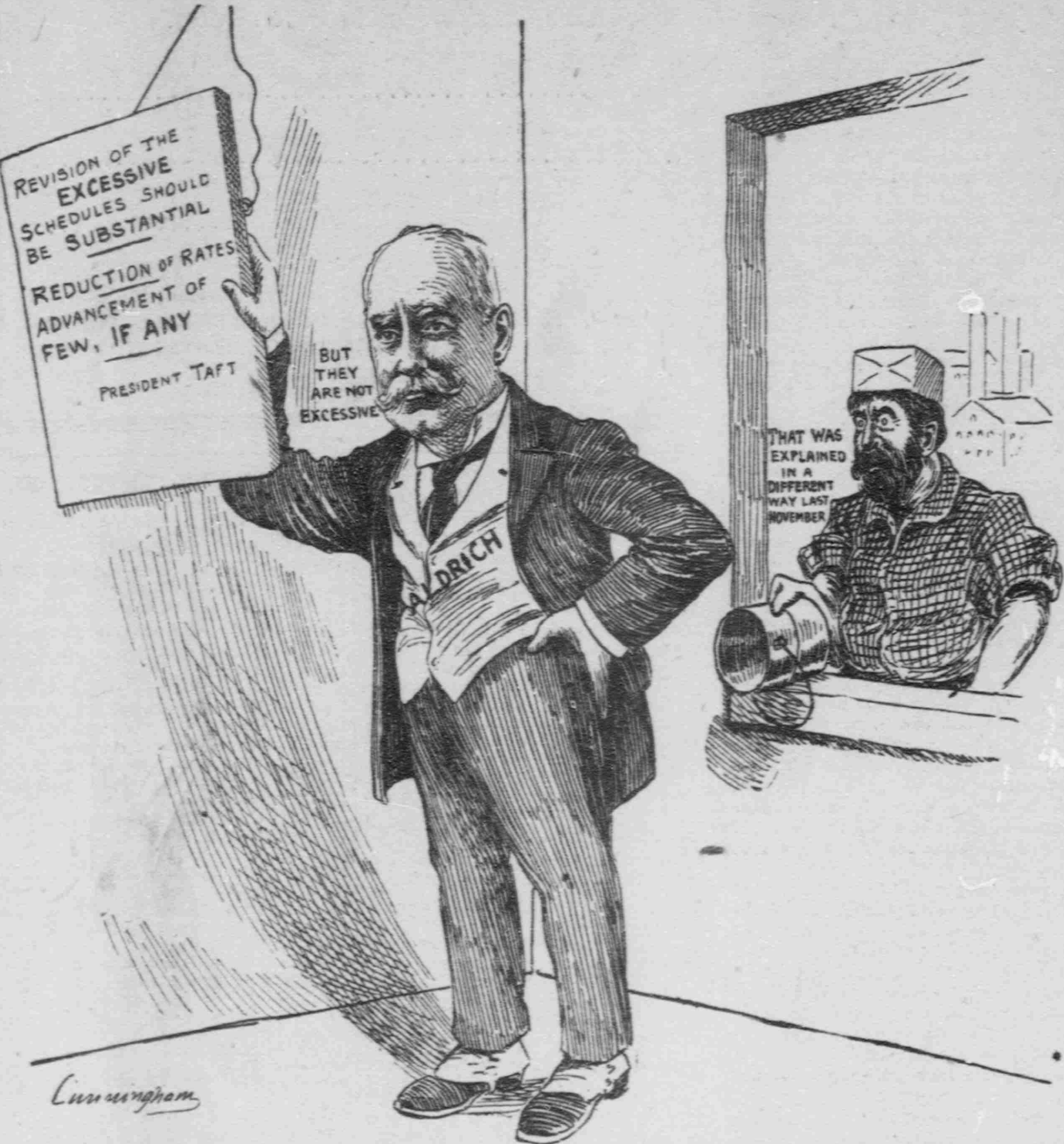
While Jim Patten, of wheat corner fame, was brushing up against cactus burrs in Verano Park, New Mexico, on his partner's ranch, all the bears in the world and the Wall street fox appear to have invaded the Chicago wheat pit.

Cigarette Enemy Dead.

Indianapolis, April 24.—John W. Parks, famous for his crusade against cigarettes in Indiana, died at his home in Plymouth to-day.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday All trains, both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City offices, 1417 G st. and 25 Pa. ave.

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AGREE TO OIL DUTY

Senate Committee Will Report Amendment.

FIGHT WON BY INDEPENDENTS

Decision Also Practically Reached to Report Some Duty on Steel Rails, as Was Provided by the House. Much Time Devoted to Discussion on Wood Pulp and Print Paper.

At a meeting of the Republican members of the Senate Committee on Finance, which lasted from early yesterday morning until 7 o'clock last evening, with an intermission for luncheon, an agreement was reached to report an amendment providing for placing an ad valorem duty on crude petroleum.

The rate to be fixed was not determined. The House placed crude and refined petroleum on the free list and struck out the present countervailing duty on the crude product. Products of petroleum were placed on the free list also.

Since then the Senate Committee on Finance has been beset by importunities from oil producers and refiners not affiliated with the Standard Oil Company to put a duty on crude petroleum or restore the countervailing duty.

Several hundred of them gathered in Washington during the week, and appointed a committee, which appeared before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Finance. The matter of putting crude petroleum and its products on the free list caused much controversy in the House, and as a result the Committee on Ways and Means gave way to the popular sentiment. The action of the House was intended as a blow at the Standard Oil Company.

Agreement on Steel Rails.

Republican members of the Finance Committee practically reached an agreement to report a duty on steel rails of 7-8 of a cent a pound, the same rate as that fixed by the House. The present law imposes a duty of 7-8 of a cent a pound, or double that agreed on by the Senate committee.

Additional information was received yesterday by the Republican members of the committee relating to wood pulp and print paper duties. Much time was devoted to a discussion of this matter, but no conclusion was reached. The House made wood pulp free and reduced the duty on print paper from 5¢ to 2½¢ a ton.

It was agreed that an amendment should be reported to the Senate restoring the Dingley law rate of 15¢ per ad valorem on hides. The House placed hides on the free list.

Many amendments to the chemical and earthenware schedules were agreed upon, and will be reported to the Senate early next week.

Considerate interest has been caused by an amendment, proposed by Senator Frye, of Maine, to put a tonnage tax on shipping. Mr. Frye seeks to tax all ships coming into the ports of the United States from Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, the Bahama Islands, Bermuda, and ports of South America bordering on the Caribbean Sea at the rate of 2 cents a ton, the total tax in any one year not to exceed 10 cents a ton. He would compel vessels from other foreign ports to pay 5 cents a ton, with a limit of 20 cents in any one year, and would exempt vessels in distress or not engaged in trade.

Root Before Committee.

Part of the session of the Republican members of the Finance Committee was devoted to hearing Senator Root, of New York; Senator Curtis, of Kansas; Representative Lowden, of Illinois; and Alvin Saunders, editor of the Breckers' Gazette, in regard to the administrative features of the tariff bill. The principal matter under discussion was a plan for retaliation against European countries, notably France and Germany, which, it was alleged, discriminate against the products of the United States, mainly dressed beef and flour.

Senator Root was present to give the committee the benefit of his experience as Secretary of State in dealing with such questions. Senator Curtis urged that the President should be given authority to impose maximum rates by way of reprisal.

It was said afterward that the plan proposed probably would be adopted. It is complicated, and on account of it the Finance Committee think their

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—Fair; warmer to-day; to-morrow, increasing cloudiness and warmer; light, variable winds, becoming southerly.

ICE JAM CLEARING.

Masses in Niagara River Broken by Dynamite Shots.

Youngstown, N. Y., April 24.—The giant ice dam, broken by dynamite, is being carried away by the strong current of Niagara River. The dynamiting to-day was persistent, and it opened a breach through which the mammoth masses in the upper river can sail without a scratch. Faults and fissures criss-cross the lower end of the stream, water is fighting ice for surface space opposite Lewiston, and the upper river has opened the greater portion of the encroaching floor.

The body of a woman, supposed to be that of Mrs. Whipple, of Buffalo, who went over the falls two days ago, was seen by a visitor from Rochester this afternoon floating down the river between the whirlpool and the Lewiston bridge. It quickly was lost sight of in the rush of water and ice.

CONRIED STILL ALIVE.

Cablegram Corrects Report that Musical Director Died in Meran.

New York, April 24.—Dispatches received in this city to-day from Paris report the death of Heinrich Conried, formerly director of the Metropolitan Opera Company, at Meran, in the Austrian Tyrol.

These dispatches were contradicted later by a cable message received by Frederick W. Spelling, Mr. Conried's brother-in-law, from Mrs. Conried. This message, received at 7 o'clock in the evening, said that Mr. Conried's condition was unchanged.

BRANDENBURG PLANS FIGHT.

Says He Will Yet Prove Authenticity of Cleveland Letters.

San Francisco, April 24.—Broughton Brandenburg, who was arrested last night soon after his arrival in the Overland train, is determined to fight extradition to New York.

He claims that he will prove his innocence and demonstrate the authenticity of the alleged Cleveland article. The following telegram was received to-day by Chief of Police Cook from District Attorney Jerome:

"We will forward by special delivery this morning exemplified copy of indictment against Broughton Brandenburg. In case application be made for bail, please ask for high bail."

After a conference with his attorney, Jacob Meyer, Brandenburg decided not to attempt any habeas corpus proceedings or resist being held, but to center his fight against extradition at Sacramento.

Accordingly, Meyer hurried to the capital city to attempt to force the New York authorities to make a showing before the governor honors the requisition.

ORDERS TROOPS TO SUBMIT.

White Flag Over Palace, but Young Turks Not in Possession.

Berlin, April 24.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger reports that the Sultan ordered all the Yildiz Kiosk troops to submit to the constitutionalists, but a large portion of them retired with their guns to the heights behind the palace.

A white flag is flying over the palace, but the Young Turks' troops have not yet taken possession. Heavy firing is going on on Yildiz Heights.

Capt. Galbraith Dead.

Carlisle, Pa., April 24.—Capt. William Watts Galbraith, U. S. A., retired, died at his country home, near Carlisle, this morning, after a month's illness, with pneumonia, aged fifty-eight.

Popular Excursion, Sunday, May 2, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Round trip Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg, \$1.00; Berkeley Springs, \$1.25; Cumberland, \$2.00. Special train leaves Washington 5:15 a. m., returning same day.

RICH GIRL IS MISSING

Disappears from Mother on Shopping Tour.

FAMILY FEARS KIDNAPPING

Police Think Probably the Child Left Home of Its Own Free Will. Had Saved \$15 in a Toy Bank, and the Money Cannot Be Found—Hospitals and Hotels Searched.

New York, April 24.—Adele Boas, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Arthur E. Boas, head of the American Spool Silk Company, has been missing from her home, at 19 West Thirty-eighth street, since Thursday afternoon, and so far as the police and friends of the family have been able to learn, has left not a clue to her whereabouts.

Shortly after luncheon Thursday Mrs. Boas left her home to go shopping. She first went direct to the private school of Mrs. Laura Jacobi, at 115 West Eighty-first street, and there met her daughter.

Mother and daughter went to a dressmaker's place in the neighborhood, while the daughter had a new dress fitted. After leaving the dressmaker the two walked to the foot of the elevated station, at Eighty-first street and Columbus avenue.

Left Daughter in Street.

The daughter was to leave her mother here and go up the avenue. Mrs. Boas was going down town, and her daughter had said that she would walk up Columbus avenue to Eighty-eighth street.

Mrs. Boas returned from her shopping at 5 o'clock and learned that her daughter was not at home. As she had left her at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and on a main thoroughfare crowded with people, she was not at first worried, and supposed her daughter had gone to visit some school friend. Mrs. Boas came home at 6 o'clock and the child had not yet returned. He telephoned a number of his daughter's intimate friends, but found that none of them had seen her since leaving school that afternoon. He then became alarmed and called his cousin, Emil L. Boas, the resident managing director of the Hamburg-American Line, to his home. The two men got into communication with every friend of the family who had a phone, but without result.

A round of every hospital, private sanatorium, and big hotel was made for the child, but nothing was learned.

Theories of Disappearance.

While the whereabouts of the child remain a mystery, three theories have been advanced to account for her disappearance. Mr. Boas thinks she was probably hurt by an automobile; Mrs. Boas is inclined to believe that her daughter has been kidnapped, while the police seemed to believe to-day that the child had left her home of her own free will and with some premeditated plan in her mind.

After questioning the family to-day the police learned that Adele had kept a toy bank. In it she had only recently told her brother and mother was \$15, with which she intended to buy a present for her father. A search was made for the bank to-day, and when it was found it was empty. Her brother knew it to have been full only a few days ago.

Late to-night Mr. Boas, through William H. Rose, offered a reward of \$250 for any information leading to the recovery of his daughter.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boas are prostrated because of the failure of the hunt to date and were placed under the care of a physician to-night.

FOUR DIE IN FIRE.

Flames Destroy the Central Hotel in Topeka, Kans.

Topeka, Kans., April 24.—Four persons lost their lives and three others were seriously injured in a fire that destroyed the Central Hotel here to-day. The hotel was a two-story brick structure.

The dead are John W. Erickson, county clerk, of Clay Center, Kans.; Walter Shipley, chemist of the Santa Fe Railway, Topeka; L. R. Stratton, dishwasher in hotel, Polk County, Mo., and Benjamin Shipley, Belle Plaine, Kans.

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BALLOONISTS
ARE MISSING

Lieut. Lahm and Party Send
No News.

MUCH ALARM IS FELT

Fear They May Have Landed
in Chesapeake Bay.

QUERIES TO ALL POINTS.

Dirigible Craft Sailed from Washington at Noon Yesterday and Disappeared in a Southeasterly Direction Before a Strong Wind.

Newspapers, Press Associations, and Correspondents Busy with the Wires in Efforts to Obtain Some Trace of the Craft and Aviators.

Alarm that had increased to intensity was felt in Washington at an early hour this morning for the safety of Lieut. F. K. P. Lahm, United States Signal Corps, and two companions, who sailed from the city yesterday noon in a spherical balloon.

Among the newspaper associations and the correspondents last night existed a sentiment, born of fear, that the balloon ad landed in the waters of Chesapeake Bay. In an effort to obtain news of the air craft messengers were sent to every available point, and correspondents of many towns and villages were instructed to be on the lookout for news of the lieutenant and his mates.

Promise to His Wife.

Lieut. Lahm left Washington in the company of Lieut. Benjamin D. Foulou, and Lieut. C. F. Bamberger. Lieut. Foulou, before making the ascension, made the positive assurance to Mrs. Foulou that he would send a message as soon as he landed. In the message, he said, he would indicate his safety and notify as to whether he would return to Washington to be the course of the night.

Inasmuch as the night was to be of two hours' duration, Mrs. Foulou, when last night had passed, without her husband sending the promised message, became intensely alarmed.

At 1 o'clock this morning messages sent to Norfolk, Va., for news of the missing balloon were answered with dispatches that nothing had been seen or heard of the craft or the men who manned it.

All of the cities and towns within a radius of 100 miles of Washington were queried relative to news of the men or balloon, but no information was obtainable.

May Have Reached Ocean.

It was intimated that the comparatively high wind might have carried the dirigible as far out as the Atlantic Ocean. Knowing the wind was blowing from eighteen to twenty miles an hour, the men carried life preservers, anticipating they would be carried down the river and toward the bay.

It is hoped a landing was made in a sparsely populated portion of the Virginia peninsula, that the navigators have been unable to reach a telegraph station.

Capt. C. F. Wallace, one of the expert aeronauts of the Signal Corps, who has made several trips out of Washington with Lieut. Lahm, asserted the men were under orders to communicate with headquarters should they make a landing. He expressed surprise at their failure to notify friends of their safety.

The balloon is spherical No. 11, of 35,000 feet capacity—one of the big yellow balloons purchased from Capt. T. S. Baldwin last summer. The ascent was made to train the officers in inflating the envelope.

Under favorable conditions the big bag with its three passengers hoisted anchor at Twelfth and M streets southeast. The Signal Corps aeronautic squad of fourteen men was on the ground when the inflation began, at 10 o'clock.

Strong Wind Blowing.

The wind was blowing fifteen miles an hour when the bag was half-filled, and the squad was kept busy controlling it. The shifting of sandbags and other maneuvers were carried out by whistle signal. Coal gas was used for inflating purposes.

In addition to the cork life pres